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## Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 12, 2010 - - Based on conditions as of October 1, 2010, Pennsylvania's production of soybeans, other dry hay, Maryland-type tobacco, Pennsylvania seedleaf tobacco, light air-cured burley tobacco, and grapes is expected to be above last year according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production of corn for grain, dry alfalfa hay, and apples is expected to be below a year ago.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 120.3 million bushels, 9 percent below last year's crop. Acreage for grain harvest is expected to total 940,000 with an average yield of 128 bushels per acre, compared with final estimates of 920,000 acres and 143 bushels per acre last year. Soybean production is expected to be 20.9 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year's production of 20.5 million bushels. Harvested area is expected to be 485,000 acres and yield is estimated at 43 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast, but down 3 bushels per acre from 2009.

Alfalfa dry hay production is forecast at 1.22 million tons, 16 percent below a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 450,000 acres of alfalfa for dry hay, with an average yield of 2.7 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton per acre from the 2009 average yield. All other dry hay production is forecast at 2.31 million tons, 5 percent above a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 1.1 million acres, with an average yield of 2.1 tons per acre, unchanged from the final average yield of 2.1 in 2009. .

Pennsylvania's production of Maryland-type tobacco production is estimated at 4.95 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is set at 2,200 acres with an average yield of 2,250 pounds per acre. Pennsylvania's seedleaf-type tobacco production is estimated at 4.83 million pounds, 10 percent above 2009's crop. Acreage for harvest is set at 2,100 acres with an average yield of 2,300 pounds per acre. Production of light air-cured burley tobacco is estimated at 10.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year's production of 9.43 million pounds. Acreage for harvest is set at 4,200 acres with an average yield of 2,400 pounds per acre.

Apple production is forecast at 481 million pounds, 6 percent below last year's 510 million pounds. Grape production is estimated to be 79,000 tons, 23 percent above last year's production.

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At the **United States** level, corn for grain production as of October 1, 2010, is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from the previous month and 8.9 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt and Tennessee Valley. Illinois showed the largest decline, down 14 bushels per acre. Indiana and Iowa are both down 10 bushels from the previous month, while Missouri and Nebraska declined 9 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several states based on administrative data.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.41 billion bushels, down 2 percent from September, but 1 percent above last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month, but up 0.4 bushel from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in all major-producing states except Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin. The largest decreases in yield from last month are expected in North Carolina and Virginia, down 5 and 4 bushels, respectively. If realized, the forecasted yields in Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin will be record highs and forecasted yield in Minnesota will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 76.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimated, but up 1 percent from 2009. Acreage updates were made in several states based on administrative data.

Nationally, production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay is forecast at 71.3 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up slightly from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.44 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from August, but up 0.09 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the sixth highest yield on record. Harvested area is forecast at 20.7 million acres, unchanged from August, but down 2 percent from the previous year's acreage. Other hay production is forecast at 81.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast, but up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest production level on record. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.08 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from August, but up 0.10 ton from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield, surpassing the 2.06 tons per acre in 2004. Harvested area is forecast at 38.9 million acres, unchanged from August, but up 1 percent from 2009.

U.S. all tobacco production for 2010 is forecast at 713 million pounds, 2 percent below the September forecast. Area harvested is forecast at 338,010 acres, up 2 percent from the September forecast. Yields for 2010 are expected to average 2,110 pounds per acre, down 83 pounds from the previous forecast.

The final 2010 U.S. apple production forecast is set at 9.41 billion pounds, down 1 percent from August, and 5 percent below 2009.

U.S. grape production is forecast at 6.88 million tons, down 3 percent from the August forecast, and down 6 percent from last year.

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